

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A process of manufacturing a gel comprising:
 - a) dissolving a high molecular weight polymer in an oil using stirring and a temperature above 60°C forming a blend,
 - b) cooling the blend below 60°C and adding with mixing one or more antioxidants forming a stabilized blend,
 - 10 c) adding at least one type of colloidal particle (e.g.silica) to said stabilized blend using at least a rotor and stator mixer and one other mixer forming a thixotropic blend,
 - d) optionally deaerating said thixotropic blend
 - e) cooling said thixotropic blend.
- 15 2. A process according to claim 1 wherein said rotor and stator mixer is also used to disperse said high molecular weight polymer in step a.
3. A process according to claim 1, wherein an anchor mixer is used to agitate said blend(s) along with the use of said rotor and stator mixer.
4. A process according to claim 3, also using an emulsifying mixer other
 - 20 than said rotor and stator mixer.
5. A process according to claim 3, wherein said blend of oil and high molecular weight polymer are heated to at least 80°C for 30 minutes to dissolve the high molecular weight polymer.
6. A process according to claim 3, wherein a suction device or tube (e.g.
 - 25 built into the rotor and stator) directs the colloidal silica to an area near the inlet (feed area) of the rotor and stator mixer.
7. A gel composition comprising:
 - a) a high molecular weight polymer in an oil,
 - b) one or more antioxidants, and
 - 30 c) at least one type of colloidal particle (e.g.silica).
8. A gel composition according to claim 7, wherein said gel is made by a processing of dissolving said high molecular weight polymer in oil using stirring,

cooling that product below 60°C and adding an antioxidant, and adding colloidal particles using rotor and stator mixing to increase the viscosity of the blend of oil, high molecular weight polymer and antioxidant.